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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/873,737 for
PURIFIED AND ISOLATED *piwi* FAMILY GENES AND GENE PRODUCTS
AND THERAPEUTIC AND SCREENING METHODS USING SAME
Our File No. 180/140/2

Sir:

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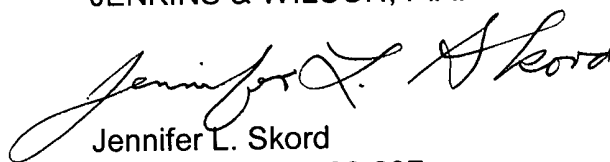
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please change the sentence at lines 6-11 of page 1 to read as follows:

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--This application is a continuation-in-part of International Application No. PCT/US99/28764, filed December 3, 1999, which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application 60/110,901, filed December 4, 1998, now abandoned. The disclosure of International Application No. PCT/US99/28764 and United States Provisional Patent Application 60/110,901 are each incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--